

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1 add the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/397,780 , filed September 16, 1999 (abandoned), which is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/589,860 filed January 22, 1996 (abandoned), which is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/246,676, filed May 20, 1994 (abandoned).

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Please replace the first full paragraph of page 8 with the following paragraph:

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The concave shape of the microdisk of the present invention may be provided in a variety of ways. For example, if the interior cavity 18 of the disk of Figs. 1 and 2 is not completely filled with cellular and related material, one or more of the opposed faces 12 and 14, when formed of sufficiently thin and pliable material, will conform itself generally to the surface of its liquid contents, thus assuming at least a "saucer" shape. On the other hand, if the faces of the disk are of sufficient thickness and strength, the disk may be molded with the concavity formed in place. Alternatively, an interior structural element 39 (Fig. 4A), e.g., a thin, flat tab or a thin column may be extended across the disk from one face thereof to the other in the interior of the disk to thereby restrict the spacing of the faces at the location of the [tab or] column when the disk is filled with liquid cellular material. Those portions of the disk faces in the vicinity of the [tab] column will thereby assume a concave geometry relative to more remote portions of the opposed faces which will assume a generally convex geometry as the disk is filled. These [tabs

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or] columns may be provided at a number of locations within the disk so to form a number of concavities.
